Remarks

Claims 28-38 and 61-95 are pending, of which claims 28-38 are indicated as directed toward patentable subject matter. Claims 1-20 and claims 39-60 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 61-95 are added. Applicant requests allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Telephonic Examiner Interview

New claims 61-95 have been added in light of a telephonic Examiner Interview in which the Examiner proposed various claim amendments for expediting prosecution of the application. In particular, the Examiner suggested that the features of claim 3 be incorporated into claim 1 and that the features of claim 42 be incorporated into claim 39.

Applicant submits that such claim amendments are not necessary to overcome the references relied upon by the Examiner and expressly maintain that the claims canceled by the Amendment above are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner. Applicant also expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in a continuation application.

However, solely in an effort to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant submits new claims 61-95 for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant submits that these claims are patentable over the references relied upon by the Examiner and asks that they be passed to allowance.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number provided.

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